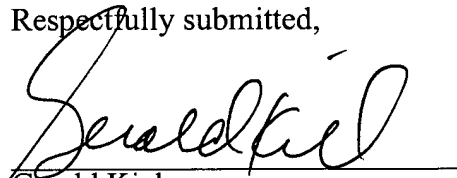


REMARKS

Applicant has elected Group I with claims 135-226, without traverse. Claims 135-226 are drawn to a method and arrangement for depth-resolved optical detection of a specimen.

Based upon the above election, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this application and its earlier allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald Kiel", is written over a horizontal line.

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